

## ABSTRACT

Intensive archaeological investigations were undertaken at the Welsh Tract Schoolhouse No. 54 located at the intersection of S.R. 896 and S.R. 4 as part of the Route 4 dualization project. The investigations were conducted by the Delaware Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Location and Environmental Studies Archaeologists. The site had been a one-room schoolhouse from 1851 until 1939. After that time the one-room structure was architecturally altered and was used as a private residence. Archaeological investigations included extensive shovel testing, location and excavation of subsurface features or anomalies, and photographic and architectural recordation of the structure. Artifacts recovered were found to date predominantly from the private residence phase of occupation (post-1939). The site was historically significant in that it was the only one-room schoolhouse within school district No. 54, but the structure lacked integrity and no significant archaeological resources were found. It is recommended that no further archaeological work be undertaken at the site. The site is not deemed eligible for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places.